



Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes January 12, 2016

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Commissioners Present: Annie Jones, Michelle Nusum-Smith, Sharon Dobson, Rosario Campos, , Olga Hernandez-Smith, Nina Carr, Christine Ferguson

Commissioners Absent, Chloe Scott, Whitney Duck, Adrijana Parsell, Shellome Walters, Constance Baptist, Amanda Fleet, Evelyn Stephenson and Karen Czapanskiy

Guests: Theresa Smith, Marnica Johnson (CFW Intern), Diana Carrillo, Valerie Dougherty, Brinley Holmes, Paula del Valle Torres (CFW intern), Jaanai Priest, Mary Lynn Hinde and Virginia Strnad (speakers)

President Annie Jones called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. A quorum was not present at this time.

I. Executive Committee Report

- Guests in attendance acknowledge, introduction of guests and commissioners.
- The approval of the December 2015 minutes was tabled until the February 2016 meeting due to a lack of a quorum.
- Guest Speakers: Mary Lynn Hinde and Virginia Strnad, Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership (SHIP). SHIP started out as an organization that accepted donations of clothing for homeless children. In 2013, they were granted 501(c)3 status. Their biggest contribution have been to educate, advocate and help homeless children. Homelessness is defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Currently there are over 800 homeless children in Frederick County. These children attend all 66 of county schools. This organization helps one child/family as needed. Last year, their major expense of \$30,000 was for emergency shelter.
- **Financial Update**
 - i. The quarterly financial report will be given at the February meeting.
 - ii. The request for funding in the amount of \$4,500 has been submitted to the County Executive's office. This funding will be for the Fiscal Year 2017. The request also included a breakdown of how this money will be distributed.
 - iii. \$400 has been approved to subsidize the registration fee for the students and several Commissioners to attend the MD Women's Legislative Briefing on January 31, 2016.
- **Executive Committee Nominations** The discussion about the duties of each office will be tabled until the February 2016 meeting.

II. Old Business

- a. **SheLeads** The second session is complete. Scott Alexander was the speaker. If this program goes forward, it may be necessary to hold the seminars after school hours due to the time constraints.
- b. **Centro Hispano Holiday Party.** The attendance was lower than last year, however, the event was enjoyed by all.
- c. **Sponsorship of a family from Heartly House.** Donations raised from individual Commissioners/volunteers was used to purchase items for a family in need.

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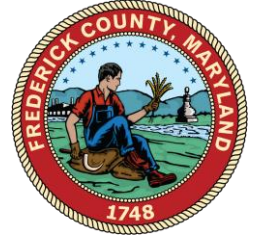
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- d. **Human Relations Commission** Several Commissioners and volunteers attended the Legislative Luncheon. The speakers were Dr. Barbara Brookmeyer (Director of Public Health, Frederick County) and the new Executive Director for Mission of Mercy. April is National Minority Health Month.
- e. **Leadership Alliance Dinner** (Thursday, March 24, 2016). Call for nominations and sponsorship has been sent via Constant Contact. As of this date, 2 nominations have been received. The registration form also includes a space for a \$25 sponsorship to be used for students of the SheLEADS project to attend. Ads will be sold in the final program. One local business has expressed interest in being a sponsor.

III. New Business

- a. **Homelessness Collections** Commissioners and volunteers were asked to bring purses and personal items to be packed in the purses and distributed to local women who may need these items. This will be an ongoing project.
- b. **Volunteers Needed** A reminder that Commissions and volunteers will be need for the booth and assistance at the "Listen to the Rhythm of Your Heart" event sponsored by FMH on Friday, February 19, 5:30-9:00pm at the FMH Crestwood facility.
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IV. Adjournment With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Next Public Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7 p.m. 3rd Floor of Winchester Hall

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